Anantapur district with an area of 1.84 lakh ha. and 615 watershed development project in Kurnool district with an area of 3.08 lakh ha. have been taken up for implementation.

(e) Government of India had sanctioned 96 new watershed development project under DDP for Anantapur district and 76 new watershed development project under DPAP for Kurnolo district during 1999-2000. However, no specific target has been fixed for the year 2000-2001 for these districts.

Fund to NGOs for development of watersheds

5621. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given funds to Non-governmental organisations all over the country to develop watersheds;

(b) if so, the funds given to NGOs to develop watersheds in 1999-2000;

(c) whether the funds have been properly utilised;

(d) whether any assessment has been done with regard to their work;

(e) if so, how many watershed areas were developed and what was the estimated benefit in terms od water harvests or area; and

(f) whether enhanced funding will also be given to State Governments for such work in 2000-2001?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A sum of Rs. 2.45 cores has been released to the NGOs during the year 1999-2000 by the Council for advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) which includes the funds released to the Support Voluntary Organisations (SVOs) for giving support services to the Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) like training, technical support etc.

(c) An adverse report has been received in respect of one Voluntary organisation whom an amount of Rs. 1,00,000/- was released during 1999-2000. The complaint is being looked into.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. About 1750 hectares have been covered and about 4487 hectares more is to be covered from the funds given to NGOs.

(f) No, Sir. Under Integrated Wastelands Development, Programme (IWDP) Scheme, on the basis of the Guidelies for Watershed Development, the funds are released to District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs)/ Zilla

Parishads (ZPs) directly. During the year 2000-01, total allocation under IWDP has been enhanced from Rs. 82.00 crores in 1999-2000 to Rs. 130.00 crores and consequently, the releases to DRDAs / ZPs will also be increased. NGOs can also act as Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) under IWDP scheme, but the projects are sanctioned to DRDAs / Zilla Parishads only.

Sanitation requirements in rural areas

5622. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey to assess the sanitation requirements in rural areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) No State-wise survey has recently been made by the Central Government to assess the sanitation requirements in the rural areas of the country. However, it is estimated that rural sanitation coverage is around 16 to 20 per cent of the total rural households in the country. The Working Group constituted by the Planning Commission for the 9th Plan had estimated a financial requirement of Rs. 6251 crores for attaining 50 per cent rural sanitation coverage.

MICMR programmes for rural women

5623. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute of Construction Management and Research has undertaken a programme to train rural women in computer and other vocational skills;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether NICMAR is also providing training to women in skills of plumbing, wiring, white washing plastering;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps proposed by Government to provide job opportunities to these trained women?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) to (e) No such training programme has been organized by this